

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 1124

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: MASS, GB

SUBJ: DELINQUENT FMS PAYMENTS

REF: STATE 140417

1. AMBASSADOR HAD HELD OFF SENDING LETTER TO PRES BONGO (LIBREVILLE 1127) IN HOPE THAT AS RESULT OF MAY 19 CONVERSATION (LIBREVILLE 1189) MATTER WOULD FINALLY BE RESOLVED. SINCE THIS HAS NOT BEEN CASE, LETTER, WHICH IS NOW READY, WILL BE DELIVERED JUNE 5 OR 6.

2. WE NOTE, HOWEVER, FROM REFTTEL THAT DEPT HAS BEEN MAKING POINT OF IMPLICATIONS OF BROOKE AMENDMENT TO GABONESE EMBASSY. WHILE WE HAVE BEEN AWARE OF DEPARTMENTS CONCERN ON THIS POINT, WE HAVE NONETHELESS, PERHAPS ERRONEOUSLY TENDED TO PLAY THIS DOWN HERE. IN GENERAL OUR UNDERSTANDING OF BROOKE AMENDMENT IN THAT IF ARREARAGES BECOME OVER ONE YEAR OLD, AMENDMENT REQUIRES US TO SUSPEND ALL OTHER ASSISTANCE. THIS, HOWEVER, HAS NO PRACTICAL EFFECT HERE THAT WE KNOW OF, AND WE HAVE THEREFORE FELT THAT TO RAISE IT AS POTENTIAL PROBLEM COULD EASLY LEAD TO GABONESE REQUEST LATER TO EFFECT THAT WE HAVE NOW PAID ARREARS AND NOW WE WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE YOU TOLD US WOULD BE SUSPENDED.

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3. WHILE WE CAN APPRECIATE THAT AS MATTER OF PRINCIPLE, GOG SHOULD BE AWARE OF BROOKE AMENDMENT, MOST TELLING POINT FOR BONGO IS THAT UNLESS OR UNTIL ARREARAGES ARE PAID, HE WON'T GET HIS HELICOPTERS, AND POSSIBLE NOT HIS ARMORED CARS EITHER.

4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENTS COMMENTS, AND, SINCE OUR UNDERSTAN

DING  
OF BROOKE AMENDMENT MAY BE INCOMPLETE OR FAULTY,  
OR BOTH, AN EXPLANATION OF PRECISELY HOW AMENDMENT WILL  
HAVE IMPACT ON OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS.TIENKEN

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